number of 72 cases in connection with Bank Security Scam of 1992 were registered by the CBI. CBI have completed investigation in 68 cases and only 4 cases are pending further investigation. In all these cases, the law will take its own course.

(b) No, Sir. As per the information furnished by the CBI, a case RC.No.2(A)/92-ACU.V was registered by the CBI in this connection against an ex-Member of the Planning Commission on 25.7.92, u/s 11,12,13 (2) read with 13(1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 120(B) IPC. Charge-sheet in this case was filed in the court of Special Judge, CBI on 31.12.1992, and the case is sub-judice.

Preparation of lists of items and formation of committees by Kcndriya Bhandar, Super Bazar etc.

259. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kcndriya Bhandar/Super Bazar/National Consumers' Cooperative Federation were to compile lists of items of stationery and other items indicating prices of the items and to send the lists to all Government departments once in every three months, besides forming a Committee to ensure availability of quality items and to determine fair prices of items as per Government order under which it was made obligatory for Government departments to buy items from them only;

(b) if so, whether such lists have been prepared, Committees formed and circulated to all the Government departments;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(d) steps taken to forward such lists and to form the Committees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) Government had issued instructions in July, 1981 in terms of which all Central Government Departments, their attached and subordinate offices and other organisations financed and/or controlled

by the Government located at Delhi/New Delhi were required to make all local purchases of stationery and other items required by them only from the Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative society Limited, New Delhi (poularly known as Kendriya Bhandar). These orders were subsequently extended to other cooperative societies viz. Supar i Bazar and National Consumers j Cooperative Federation (NCCF) in August, 1987 and April, 1994, respectively.

The orders of 1981 also envisaged that with a view to providing a safeguard for ensuring quality as well as fair price, prices of articles as are generally indented for by Government Departments etc. would be fixed by a Committee consisting of a representative each of the Department of Supply, Ministry of Works and Housing and the Kendriya Bhandar and the prices so fixed would remain in force for a period of three months. As per the aforesaid orders, the General Manager of the Kendriya Bhandar was required to send to the indenting organisations, from time to time, the detailed list of articles available with the Kendriya Bhandar. No specific orders with regard to such a Committee either in respect of Super Bazar or NCCF have been issued.

(b) to (d) The matter is under examination.